

REMARKS

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/951,663 filed September 12, 2001, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,645,134. All claims of the present application, claims 1-8, were allowed via a notice of allowance mailed May 21, 2004.

On August 3, 2004, the undersigned representative of applicants left a detailed telephone message for Examiner Tawfik indicating that allowed apparatus claims 5-8 were believed to be identical to claims 1-4 of the parent '134 patent. Examiner Tawfik left a return telephone message suggesting that an amendment under Rule 312 be filed canceling claims 5-8. This amendment is being filed pursuant to that suggestion so that two patents having some identical claims do not issue. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment does not raise any new issue of patentability.

A terminal disclaimer, a paper entitled "Comment on Reasons for Allowance," the signed issue fee transmittal and a check for payment of the issue fee and the terminal disclaimer filing fee are being filed herewith.

The Office is directed to charge any additional required fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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